

Alyse Ferguson Biography

Alyse Ferguson is the Chief Attorney of the Collin County Mental Health Managed Counsel Program (MHMC.) She is responsible for managing the specially trained attorneys, who represent indigent defendants diagnosed with mental illness, as well as serving as the Point of Contact for Mental Health Cases in Collin County. She is a graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice, a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology and a Juris Doctorate from Texas Wesleyan School of Law.

Ms. Ferguson presents on the topic of mental health and the Managed Counsel program in Collin County and she has been a guest presenter at National conferences as well various conferences around Texas. Ms. Ferguson has been honored for her work as the recipient of the 2015 National Legal Aid and Defender Association Social Engineer and Trail Blazer Award for her work towards advancing social justice, the 2016 Texas CIT Award of Excellence, the 2016 Mental Health America Pam Blumenthal Memorial Award, the 2016 Collin County CIT Award of Excellence, and the 2016 Women and Law, Louise B. Raggio Award and most recently The Texas Association of Counties Best Practices Award for the Competency Restoration Program.

Ms. Ferguson brings a wealth of knowledge to her position as Chief Attorney, having previously worked in Community Supervision and with MHMR. While at MHMR, she served as a residential supervisor, case manager, and Director of Home and Community Services. She also handled crisis calls for intervention, routinely responding to suicide calls and to requests from local hospitals and police departments for assistance with mental commitments and crisis intervention.

The MHMC program is striving to assist persons with mental illness, who are now in the criminal justice system. Ms. Ferguson is an advocate for mental health services and works to further services for both the treatment and care of persons with mental illness.

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